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VIA TELEFAX AND  
CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

April 29, 1998

Denny Clinton  
Johns Manville Corporation  
10100 West Ute Avenue  
Littleton, CO 80127

Dear Mr. Clinton:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Illinois EPA, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have reviewed the April 3, 1998 "Characterization Plan for Additional Sites" (the Plan) for the Johns-Manville Site in Waukegan, Illinois and hereby provide approval for Johns Manville to begin the investigative activities specified in the Plan, specifically, Tasks 1 through 3 for Site 2 and Tasks 1 through 3 for Site 3 (work on Site 1 is on hold pending an IDNR burn of this site, which is currently scheduled for the fall of 1998). Johns Manville shall complete these tasks within 45 calendar days of your receipt of this letter via telefax. In the interim, U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA, and IDNR will provide comments or an approval with modifications for the remainder of the Plan (i.e. all tasks or Site 1 and all remaining tasks for Site 2 and Site 3). The goal of these activities is to provide an approved Plan within 45 days of your receipt of this letter via telefax, and, therefore, trigger the requirement in my March 20, 1998 letter to you that Manville provide analytical information sufficient to determine disposal options and generate accurate initial cost estimates for different remedial options within 30 days of U.S. EPA approval of the Plan. To help meet this goal, Johns Manville will discuss information generated from the investigative activities with U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA, and Illinois DNR as it becomes available.

Additionally, Site 3 (Parking Lot) is hereby added to the list of sites to which my March 20, 1998 letter to you applies. Since U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA, and IDNR will be providing final comments and/or modifications to the remainder of the Plan in the near future, there is no need to reprint the Plan with the modifications listed above at this time. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (312) 886-4742.

Sincerely,

Brad Bradley  
Remedial Project Manager